

that the recent EU accession of the southern portion of the island will not have any adverse effects on progress in this area. As President Papadopoulos stated at the signing ceremony:

I regret that the artificial walls of division and the line of separation that was imposed by force prevent our Turkish Cypriot compatriots from proceeding with us, within the framework of a reunited Cyprus, on the way to Europe I reiterate, from this forum as well, at this historic moment of the signing of the Treaty, my firm commitment to exert every effort to achieve a peaceful, workable and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

Mr. Speaker and fellow Members of Congress, I ask that you please join me in congratulating the government and people of the Republic of Cyprus on their recent accession into the European Union. In addition, I ask that the United States Congress continue to offer encouragement and support to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots as negotiations for a reunified island continue.

RECOGNIZING BRENT DUNKEL FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brent Dunkel, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brent has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Bartle and Philmont. Over the years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 48 merit badges. Additionally, Brent has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as assistant patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide. Brent also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the World Conservation Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brent prepared and landscaped a "Welcome to Weston" sign in Bless Park in Weston, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brent Dunkel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM CHANDLER, THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE CARLISLE FIRE COM- PANY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today as a member of the

Congressional Fire Service Caucus to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the firefighting community—Bill Chandler, who age 92, holds the record for being the longest serving member of the Carlisle Fire Company in Milford, Delaware. Bill Chandler is an outstanding, dedicated and caring Delawarean with an abundance of accomplishments in this field. On behalf of myself and the citizens of the First State, I would like to honor this outstanding individual and extend to him our congratulations on almost 70 years in the fire department.

Today, I recognize Bill Chandler for his long and distinguished career with the Carlisle Fire Company. Since beginning his career at age 24 in 1934, Bill Chandler has provided service in a manner that has brought distinction not only to himself but to the entire Fire Company.

Family, friends and fellow firefighters should take a moment to truly appreciate the world of difference Bill Chandler has made in the firefighting community. He has served for many years as fire recorder, vice president, third assistant chief, second assistant chief, first assistant chief and eventually chief of the Carlisle Fire Company. Bill Chandler has also served on the by-laws, budget, president advisory, archives, bingo, bowling, fireman of the year, crab feast and sportsman's expo committees. He is currently serving as a delegate for the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Bill Chandler has spent all of his life helping the community of Milford and all of Delaware. To this end, he has received many honors; the 55 years of service award signed by then President George Bush and Senator Bill Roth, Fireman Community Service Award and Company Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Chandler was responsible for many improvements in the firefighting community. He implemented the very first rubber boots and hard hats at the Carlisle Fire Company in 1941. However, Bill Chandler has also made valuable contributions to the business community as a partner in Sockrider and Chandler Jewelry Store.

Mr. Speaker, with his children Bill, Edna and Gloria and his seven grandchildren at his side, the Chandler family proudly and unselfishly contributes every day to the quality of life at home in their community and our entire State.

Mr. William Chandler's contributions cannot be commended enough. As he continues his commitment to the Carlisle Fire Company, we can be sure that his contributions to the community will not end. His commitment to fighting fires and saving lives has earned him a permanent place in Delaware's fire service history.

RECOGNITION OF AFRICA MALARIA DAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Africa Malaria Day, declared on April 25, 2000 by 43 African heads of state. That declaration marked the end of a 3-day summit called to renew and re-invigorate Africa's commitment to defeating malaria, a disease that takes a terrible toll on the African continent. It renewed a commitment to exploit

all means possible to finally tame the disease that kills more African children than any other single disease. It recognized the massive impact of malaria and Africa's potential for reducing that impact. It affirmed African leaders' intent to remove roadblocks to malaria control and called for more active participation by the international community.

UNICEF and the World Health Organization estimate that malaria kills from 1 million to 2 million people every year, most of them young children and pregnant women in Africa. Along with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, malaria is one of the three biggest infectious disease killers in the world today.

There has never been a licensed malaria vaccine, but great progress toward that end is now being made. However, the market for a malaria vaccine is primarily poor people in developing countries. This means that market forces requiring an acceptable return on investment by industry cannot, by themselves, drive malaria vaccine development. Ensuring the successful development of a vaccine for a disease that primarily affects the poorest people in the world requires public funding for research and development and funding for vaccine purchase once malaria vaccines are licensed.

Global and national efforts are making a difference. Lives are being saved, and the movement to finally control malaria in Africa is picking up momentum. Evidence of this includes the increasing level of support for malaria control by the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. But more and broader support is needed to achieve the goal of ending deaths from malaria in the shortest time possible. For each year we delay, another one to two million lives are lost.

Friday, April 25, 2003, was Africa Malaria Day. On that day, the equivalent of seven large planetloads of children died from malaria. Most of these children were under the age of 5. While this fact deeply saddens me, it also impassions me. We can and must ensure that more is done to prevent more deaths, today, tomorrow, and into the future.

HONORING COMMANDER MCCOOL

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2003, a terrible tragedy took the lives of seven brave astronauts aboard the space shuttle *Columbia*. The second in command was Commander William McCool, son of Las Vegas Audrey and Barent McCool, and all of Southern Nevada mourns the loss of their son.

Audrey, a professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), and Barent, a retired Marine and Navy pilot and UNLV graduate student, inspired their son to become a pilot. William, called Willie by family and friends, built model airplanes as a boy and followed in his father's footsteps to become a naval aviator. As a student at Coronado High School in Lubbock, Texas, Commander McCool aspired to be a pilot and he demonstrated his abilities and inherent gift when he graduated second in his class of 1,100 students from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983. Commander McCool continued his education, earning a master's

degree in computer science from the University of Maryland in 1985 and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1992.

Commander McCool described his path to aviation as a series of doors of opportunity opening to him, first the door to the Naval Academy and then another to naval aviation. Then in 1996, NASA accepted Commander McCool for astronaut shuttle training, and he, his wife, Lani, and their three sons moved to Houston.

Commander McCool's experience as a test pilot, and his reputation as one of the Navy's elite aviators, led to his opportunity to fly on the *Columbia*. Commander McCool dedicated himself to space exploration and to the progress of mankind. He brought his extraordinary gift to students in the classroom through a NASA Program that sent astronauts to speak with students. Commander McCool had a unique ability to reach the students and cherished this opportunity. Because of these opportunities to speak with students, he dreamed of retiring from NASA and becoming a high school science teacher.

Commander McCool would be pleased to know that children name him as a personal inspiration. Children all over the country say that Commander McCool has inspired them to go after their dreams, to not give up, and to achieve. He taught them that you do not have to be extremely wealthy or a genius to reach one's dreams. Commander McCool was a regular person and believed regular people who set goals and work hard can produce great things.

Space travel and exploration excited Commander McCool and he believed that the experiments on board the *Columbia* would improve people's lives on earth. Commander McCool and his crew mates were concerned about the environment and the well-being of people on this earth. The crew hoped, through their flight, to set an example for others as to the importance of working in harmony for the betterment of the planet, its environment and all humanity. While aboard *Columbia*, Commander McCool said "I've had the opportunity to be on the flight deck, to look outside and really soak up the sunrises and sunsets, the moonrises and moonsets, the views of the Himalayas, Australia, all the continents." Commander McCool will be remembered for articulating to all of us his awe of the majesty and mystery of space, his dedication to advancing our knowledge, and his love for his family. As Audrey said of her son, "He did not die in vain."

HONORING CINDY JONES AND HER DEDICATION TO TEACHING

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cindy Jones and her induction into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Cindy teaches elementary education at Cason Lane Academy in my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Only five teachers nationwide are inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame each year. Cindy's outstanding service and dedica-

tion to the teaching profession have earned her this distinguished recognition.

Cindy has helped develop and enhance several after-school programs in Murfreesboro. She belongs to a host of professional associations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Murfreesboro Education Association, the Mary Tom Berry Reading Association, the American Psychological Association, Cognition and Phi Kappa Phi.

In addition to helping her students attain excellent educations, Cindy has aided her peers through participation in a number of workshops and seminars. She has even presented a research paper in Durham, England, at the International Neurological Symposium. And she has coauthored three professional publications regarding developmental cognitive neurolinguistics.

I salute Cindy's remarkable achievements not only as an educator, but also as a citizen who is ensuring our society has the resources it needs to succeed. Our children, after all, reap the rewards of the hard work and determination that people like Cindy possess. She is a truly gifted educator who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many.

ROOSEVELT WILSON: A PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who is closing one chapter in his illustrious career. Mr. Roosevelt Wilson or "Prof. Wilson", as his journalism students call him, is being honored tonight in Tallahassee, Florida. After nearly 18 years of teaching journalism, Mr. Wilson is retiring from the Florida A&M University School of Journalism, Media and Graphic Arts, and is being recognized at a special retirement banquet in his honor from Florida A&M University. Tonight journalism students, family, friends, former athletes and community leaders will gather to honor and pay tribute to this remarkable man who has influenced and touched so many lives.

Throughout many crossroads in my personal and professional career, Mr. Wilson has played a critical role. As a high school senior who was eager to play for the world-famous Florida A&M University Rattler football team, Mr. Wilson helped me and countless other athletes secure scholarships. As Sports Information Director and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Florida A&M University, Mr. Wilson's wisdom and real-world advice were inspirational to thousands of bright-eyed student athletes with dreams of gridiron success.

In 1991, Mr. Wilson embarked on a new venture as publisher of a weekly African-American Newspaper, the Capitol Outlook. With the help of family and friends, Mr. Wilson turned a small weekly paper into an award-winning nationally recognized publication. Every week more than 16,000 readers across the state read this weekly paper for its political, community and feature coverage. As publisher of the Capitol Outlook, Mr. Wilson's weekly columns have won national awards and the newspaper has been cited for excel-

lence in editorial writing, public service, creativity and religion coverage. In addition, the Capitol Outlook was cited by the local Chamber of Commerce for business excellence.

Words are inadequate to describe Mr. Wilson's contribution to the publishing and broadcasting world. In 2000, Mr. Wilson's coverage of the Executive Order eliminating affirmative action in the state of Florida and the public outcry that ensued was recognized for its objectivity and fairness. Furthermore, his weekly call-in radio show "Against the Grain" has become one of the most popular radio shows reaching thousands of listeners across North Florida.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Wilson has been honored for his community work and academic achievements on several occasions. In 1999, he was inducted into the Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame. He has also been recognized as Florida Teacher of the Year by Florida A&M University and the NAACP honored him with their Community Service Award.

As Florida A&M University honors Mr. Roosevelt Wilson, I praise this man for his boundless energy and his commitment to the University. I congratulate Mr. Wilson on his retirement and praise him for all that he has sacrificed on behalf of his students. Mr. Wilson's legacy as a teacher and educator will live on through the thousands of students who've passed through his classes and the thousands of athletes who've passed through his office door. His legacy as a wordsmith will continue to live on through his columns, pictures, articles, and radio broadcasts. I am honored to call him a friend and a mentor.

JAVITS-WAGNER-O'DAY PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, for the past 64 years the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program has empowered Americans who are blind or severely disabled by providing them with a diverse set of employment opportunities. Today 38,000 disabled Americans are realizing their potential by working in their local communities across the country under this program. These Americans are proud to provide federal and military customers with a wide array of SKILCRAFT® and other JWOD products and services. The JWOD Program prides itself on delivering high quality products and services at a competitive price in the most convenient way possible.

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I rise today in support of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program and the opportunities it provides for an underemployed population of hard working Americans. Furthermore, I urge my colleagues to purchase SKILCRAFT® and